

OLD PLACER MAKES THRIFTY ORCHARD

W. Thomas Proves Fertility of Soils Of Yavapai by Unique And Original Methods

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Among recent instances of the development of so-called "semi-arid" lands in Yavapai County, that of D. W. Thomas of Huron is a fine example.

Thomas began with a half acre, leased from his ten acre placer claim, "The Little Tree" situated near the old Big Bug postoffice, in May, 1904. He has now three acres partly in peaches, apples, pears, plums, and apricots; and surely the little tree has been setting forth roots and tendrils to some purpose.

The story Thomas tells and which is verified by a score of observers of his energy and industry is a fine commentary on the virtue of tenacity of purpose.

The soil of this three acre farm is sand and gravel, only four inches deep to the old placer bed. The first crop, lettuce, was grown on a small area in the half acre mentioned, without fertilization and readily brought ten cents a pound at Huron, Humboldt, and McCabe. The land chosen for the lettuce was in no way superior to the ground adjacent; figuring the amount produced in this small patch, an acre would have gone ten tons, all of which could have found a ready market, to the tune of two thousand dollars.

Gradually, by dint of putting in fifteen to eighteen hours a day another acre was put under cultivation, partly to celery; which Thomas announces the bonanza crop for the Yavapai truck-gardener. Four thousand dollars for the lettuce would have been the yield from one acre of celery grown in 1905-1906. He planted three rows, two feet apart and 300 feet long; the product was infinitely finer in stand,

texture, color, and flavor than that of the imported California article.

In 1906, from a quarter of an acre of cauliflower, \$300 in cash was obtained.

Meanwhile, the orchard was growing. In 1910, the fourth year from setting out seven tons of peaches netted Thomas \$700. Thomas plants his trees twenty-five feet apart in rows twenty-five feet wide. After planting he cuts a circle three feet in diameter around the tree, planting alfalfa on its rim; each year he has cut the circle of alfalfa out a foot, giving the tap roots of the tree the advantage of the dead alfalfa roots, and allowing them to obtain the requisite moisture. He has irrigated the fruit trees conscientiously, often carrying the water to them in buckets. The soil about each tree has been enriched with goat and hen manure. When the orchard was planted, Thomas dug cup-shaped holes and imported soil from a nearby mesa, using from two to three wagon loads to fill each hole. This has, apparently, worked like a charm; for the tap roots have found easy ingress into the adjacent placer bed, and have partaken of the iron and other ingredients of the gravel, adding to the quality and flavor of their fruitage. Today in this little garden spot seventy tons of fruit bear down the tender branches of the trees.

Thomas says he will undertake, with a little water, to turn over any tract of twenty acres of Yavapai County typical soil at the end of five years as an orchard bringing in \$500 an acre. This will require a fifteen hour working day every day during the whole term; but he contends that the goal is worth the striving.

ly, and after his enlistment expired his capability was recognized by Governor Goodwin, and he was appointed the first constable in Arizona. That office required a man of nerve to fill, but with all that responsibility Mr. Pearce performed splendid service and faced many dangerous situations. He was also appointed deputy sheriff by the first sheriff of this county, when Arizona was formally organized.

His agreeable fellowship, and his will of iron, made him one of the most popular men of his day in Arizona. In all raids made against the Apache, he was always in the van, and performed excellent service. He was one of the most agreeable of men in or out of office, and never failed to assist the needy or deserving. After his official life ended, he went among the mines and labored with his own hands for a generation to build up the country. Only last year he was granted a furlough and went to Eureka district and performed the annual assessment work on his group of mines, without any assistance whatever. In adversity or prosperity, his demeanor never changed, and he faced the future complacently and in a spirit that won him much admiration.

Mr. Pearce was about 88 years old, and when last seen in this city about a year ago, was as lithe as a boy, and of the same fellowship that made him one of the best known and best loved of any pioneer. His death will be learned with expressions of deep and sincere sorrow by all in the Haysamper colony and from one end of the country to the other.

RIVER STEAMER BURNS

PADUCAH, Ky., June 15.—Quick work by Captain Lowry of the river steamer John L. Lowry, saved the lives of sixty-five passengers, early today, when the boat burned opposite Smithland, Ky., in the Ohio river. Crowded with excursionists, the craft was slowly making her way up the river when the fire broke out. Roused from their sleep, the passengers crowded onto the decks in a panic. Several barrels of oil exploded but no one was hurt. See the fire spreading rapidly, Captain Lowry made for the Illinois shore with all speed and plunged the vessel's nose into the muddy bank in time to get the passengers off safely.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF YAVAPAI COUNTY

OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Prescott, Arizona, June 5th, 1911.

Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, Arizona, met pursuant to adjournment Monday, June 5th, 1911, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Present: Geo. P. Harrington, Chairman; Barney Smith, Member; J. W. Stewart, Member; C. A. Peter, Jr., Clerk.

Minutes of the meetings of May 1st, and May 2nd, 1911, were taken up and the same were approved.

A. J. Herndon, Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Collector, appeared with his report as Tax Collector for the month of May, 1911, and the Board proceeded to check the same with the Duplicate Assessment Rolls, they were found to correspond, the rolls stamped accordingly and the report ordered filed.

A. J. Herndon, Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Collector, appeared with his report as Treasurer for the month of May, 1911, and the Board proceeded to check the same with the receipts issued, and the warrants and orders cashed, the same was found to be correct, the monthly report being as follows, to-wit:

CASH.	
Balance on hand May 1st, 1911.	\$103,230.10
Personal property taxes, 1911.	366.00
School Taxes, 1911.	1,410.00
Road Taxes, 1911.	1,024.00
Recorder's fees, April, 1911.	602.30
Territory school fund.	3,942.97
Teachers' Institute Fund.	207.53
Unclaimed estates.	55.14
Taxes transient herds.	1,476.12
Donations to school districts.	20.00
Lease of school lands.	52.00
Back taxes, 1910.	1,327.37
School taxes, 1910.	7.50
Road taxes, 1910.	2.00
Back tax interest, 1910.	33.60
Fees, Clerk of Board and Tax Collector.	26.17
By expense fund warrants.	5,678.42
Road fund warrants.	1,449.72
School fund warrants.	5,218.67
High School fund warrants Dist. No. 1.	685.00
High School fund warrants Dist. No. 9.	392.00
Refund 1897 taxes.	8.99
Refund 1910 taxes.	5.35
Taxes transient herds.	73.41
Court orders.	122.20
Balance on hand May 31st, 1911.	100,299.04
Total.	\$113,882.80 \$113,882.80

TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, ss.

County of Yavapai.

A. J. Herndon being duly sworn deposes and says: That I am the Treasurer of Yavapai County, Arizona. That the above and foregoing report is a correct and true statement of all moneys received by me in the capacity of Treasurer prior to this date. That I have carefully and accurately set forth in said statement the sources from which said money was derived, the proper fund accounts to which said money was apportioned or transferred, a correct and true account of all payments and disbursements, together with an accurate statement of balances remaining in the various county funds in my possession.

A. J. HERNDON, Treasurer Yavapai County, Arizona.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of May, 1911.

P. J. KEOHANE, Notary Public.

My commission expires July 15th, 1914.

Upon motion duly carried the claim of Glenn W. Perons, County Supt. of Schools was approved for the sum of \$250.00, May salary \$125.00; and traveling expenses \$125.00.

Upon motion duly carried Mr. L. L. Harmon was authorized to spend the sum of \$150.00 in repairing the county wagon road from Simmons to Camp Wood.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried the treasurer was authorized and directed to refund to the Prudential Copper Co., the sum of \$36.75, same being the taxes on the "Courage" patented mine for the years 1908, 1909, and 1910. The patent on the said claim having been refused and it not being subject to taxation.

The following claims were taken up and audited and upon motion duly seconded and carried warrants in payment of same were ordered drawn upon the Expense Fund, to-wit:

No.	Claim Warrant To whom drawn	Amount
497	495 R. H. Burmister & Sons Co., supplies furnished.	\$113.52
498	496 R. Baehr, jury certificate.	9.00
499	497 Ben Tapprates, interpreters fees, District Court.	20.00
500	498 B. B. Co., supplies for hospital.	137.99
501	499 Ed. Kiehl, plumbing during April.	22.70
502	500 Cons. Tel. Tel. and Elec. Co., phones and messages for April.	54.00
503	501 J. H. Mulrein, repairs to jail water heater.	4.70
504	502 J. I. Gardner, O. D. R. and supplies for hospital.	50.35
505	503 M. A. Fraser, April salary as Immigration Commissioner.	50.00
506	504 Wm. J. Simmons, O. D. R. furnished John Ellis.	9.87
507	505 U. J. Fazenda, repairs to shoes for hospital inmates.	2.75
508	506 E. A. Kastner, assigned jury certificate.	5.80
509	507 B. H. Weaver, hauling acct. Plaza during April.	8.00
510	508 Town of Jerome, rent of jail half 1911.	120.00
511	509 Ben Tapprates, interpreters fees, District Court.	15.00
512	510 John B. Wright, fees paid to Clerk of Supreme Court.	6.20
513	511 W. J. Weisbach, R. R. fare for indigent to hospital.	3.45
514	512 John Merritt, jury certificate.	9.00
515	513 O. A. Hesla, jury certificate.	12.00
516	514 W. T. King, jury certificate.	12.00
517	515 F. P. Denny, jury certificate.	30.40
518	516 J. H. Johnson, jury certificate.	30.00
519	517 Eugene Neuman, jury certificate.	30.00
520	518 H. R. Wood, jury certificate.	12.00
521	519 E. J. F. Horne, jury certificate.	12.00
522	520 Geo. H. Schuerman, assigned jury certificate.	12.00
523	521 H. Wm. Stevens, jury certificate.	9.00
524	522 Warren E. Day, M. D., examination of insane.	5.00
525	523 Harry Firestone, 11 days wages as cook at hospital.	22.90
526	524 A. V. Mulverson, assigned jury certificate.	18.00
527	525 F. G. Brown, jury certificate.	9.00
528	526 A. W. Robinson, assigned jury certificates.	12.00
529	527 N. Levy, jury certificate.	3.00
530	528 Commercial Trust Co., assigned jury certificates.	64.60
531	529 V. B. Creekmur, jury certificate.	9.00
532	530 Ed. Block, assigned jury certificate.	41.80
533	531 O. K. West Market, assigned Jury certificate.	3.00
534	532 W. N. Irwin, jury certificate.	6.00
535	533 John L. Davis, jury certificate.	56.60
536	534 J. E. McCullough, jury certificate.	6.00
537	535 Mrs. J. W. Rothwell, interpreters fees, Justice Court.	4.00
538	536 Jos. S. Calles, interpreters fees, District Court.	67.50
539	537 John Wilkins, O. D. R. furnished James Freely, 2 months.	20.00
540	538 A. W. Robinson, assigned jury certificate.	3.00
541	539 J. O. Rugg, labor on well at hospital.	48.00
542	540 W. A. Cline, coal for hospital.	46.50
543	541 Martin Borgelt, labor on well at hospital.	18.00
544	542 C. E. Yount, M. D., salary as physician at hospital.	75.00
545	543 A. J. Herndon, May salary, expense and delinquent fees.	230.72
546	544 P. J. Keohane, May salary as Deputy Treasurer.	100.00
547	545 H. D. Ross, May salary and office expense.	317.40
548	546 The Bank of Arizona, office rent for District Attorney.	15.00
549	547 Chas. Snover, meals furnished jury.	12.00
550	548 M. A. Fraser, May salary as Immigration Commissioner.	50.00
551	549 J. H. Johnson, services as death watch.	8.00
552	550 J. A. McGinn, services as death watch.	8.00
553	551 M. Goldwater & Bro., supplies furnished.	102.50
554	552 Geo. H. Davis, meals furnished jury.	12.00
555	553 W. E. Glenn, May salary as Deputy Assessor.	100.00
556	554 Sam'l Hill Hrdw. Co., assigned jury certificate.	15.00
557	555 F. W. Foster, jury certificate.	3.00
558	556 J. I. Gardner, assg. jury cert. and supplies furnished.	106.55
559	557 Redden & Blackburn, O. D. R. furnished on orders.	2.00
560	558 Redden & Blackburn, assigned jury certificate.	45.40
561	559 Henry Brinkmeyer, assigned for hospital and jury cert.	128.80
562	560 Geo. C. Ruffner, team and horse hire.	9.00
563	561 Clark & Adams, supplies furnished during May.	13.90
564	562 Crystal Ice Co., ice furnished during May.	13.90
565	563 J. C. Bradbury, May salary and office expense.	174.65
566	564 A. C. Gilmore, May salary as chief deputy recorder.	125.00
567	565 C. W. Bennett, May salary as deputy recorder.	100.00
568	566 G. H. Bishop, May salary as deputy recorder.	100.00
569	567 C. W. Reberger, May salary as court house janitor.	125.00
570	568 A. Cruickshank, May salary as plaza gardener.	13.67
571	569 W. H. Timerhoff, supplies furnished hospital and O. D. R.	

576	570 R. H. Weaver, hauling for plaza and rent of horse for hospital.	24.25
577	571 A. W. Robinson, tobacco furnished county hospital.	10.00
578	572 Conrad & Wilson, blacksmithing acct. hospital.	5.25
579	573 C. P. Hicks, May salary and office expense.	106.00
580	574 Sam'l Hill Hrdw. Co., supplies furnished hospital and plaza.	24.30
581	575 J. C. McIntosh, jury certificate.	24.00
582	576 Prescott Gas and Elec. Co., lights, etc., for May.	87.85
583	577 Emma Church, typewriting acct. District Attorney.	42.30
584	578 Julius Baumann, work in recorder's office.	50.65
585	579 M. L. Tribby, jury certificate.	12.00
586	580 J. L. Archambeau, jury certificate.	3.00
587	581 O. K. West Market, O. D. R. and supplies for hospital.	64.69
588	582 B. B. Co., supplies for court house and plaza.	8.88
589	583 B. B. Co., supplies furnished acct. hospital.	153.04
590	584 B. B. Co., O. D. R. furnished on order.	10.00
591	585 B. B. Co., assigned jury certificates.	61.00
592	586 B. B. Co., O. D. R. furnished on order.	2.00
593	587 A. L. Lee, 50 lb. seed cane for hospital.	2.50
594	588 Cons. T. T. and E. Co., rent of phones and messages for May.	62.40
595	589 R. H. Burmister & Sons Co., O. D. R. and supplies for hospital.	50.03
596	590 Corbin & Bork, supplies for hospital.	4.90
597	591 John W. Flinn, May salary as Co. Supt. of health.	50.90
598	592 David Phillips, interpreters fees, Justice Court.	2.00
599	593 T. E. Capbell, May salary and office expense.	317.50
600	594 C. E. Gentry, May salary as deputy assessor.	125.00
601	595 E. W. Stephens, May salary as deputy assessor.	100.00
602	596 W. H. Timerhoff, assigned jury certificate.	3.00
603	597 Western Union Tel. Co., messages during May.	27.98
604	598 J. M. Morgan, jury certificate.	12.00
605	599 L. N. Requena, assigned jury certificate.	9.00
606	600 C. A. Peter, Jr., assigned jury certificates.	774.40
607	601 The Bank of Arizona, assigned jury certificates.	136.20
608	602 Journal-Miner Pub. Co., printing contract one month.	190.00
609	603 J. G. Redman, May salary as farmer at hospital.	40.00
610	604 Fred Escher, May salary as steward at hospital.	75.00
611	605 Mrs. David Finnie, May salary as matron at hospital.	75.00
612	606 David Finnie, May salary as Supt. at hospital.	135.00
613	607 Yee Sing, 11 days salary as cook at hospital.	25.00
614	608 I. Fomire, labor on well at hospital.	18.00
615	609 Prescott National Bank, assigned jury certificates.	208.20
616	610 J. A. Pettit, repairs to jail building.	2.00
617	611 W. J. Weisbach, Coroners inquest at Seligman.	10.00
618	612 P. W. O'Sullivan, May salary and office expense.	108.50
619	613 R. E. Corley, removing dead steer from streets of Humboldt.	2.50
620	614 G. O. Vyne, jury certificate.	9.00
621	615 City of Prescott, water consumed during April and May.	217.00
622	616 Jacob Blumberg, O. D. R. furnished on order.	30.00
623	617 C. E. Stewart, May salary as ranger deputy sheriff.	125.00
624	618 Richards Bros., supplies furnished hospital.	47.00
625	619 Harry Harter, meals for jury.	6.00
626	620 Lee Wilson, jury certificate.	2.00
627	621 H. C. Shotwell, surveyor's fees acct. Yarnell Hill survey.	48.65
628	622 Prescott National Bank, assigned jury certificate.	48.20
629	623 C. A. Peter, Jr., May salary.	\$ 125.00
630	624 May delinquent fees.	3.75
631	625 O. D. R. furnished.	27.25
632	626 Supplies for hospital.	315
633	627 Office expense.	15.61

The following claims having been approved by C. P. Hicks, "Probate Judge," warrants in payment of same were upon motion ordered drawn upon the Expense Fund, to-wit:

611 602 Geo. P. Harrington, May salary as Chairman of the Board.

612 603 J. W. Stewart, May salary as Member of Board.

613 604 Barney Smith, May salary as Member of Board.

The following claims were taken up and audited and upon motion duly carried warrants in payment of same were ordered drawn upon the Road Fund, to-wit:

78 78 A. W. Lessard, work on road Humboldt to Stoddard.

79 79 A. Troutz, supplies furnished acct. mules.

80 80 Head Lumber Co., supplies acct. Ash Fork road.

81 81 B. H. Weaver, hauling culverts acct. Ash Fork road.

82 82 H. A. Geisendorfer, work on roads Hillside to Copper Creek.

claim for \$403.30, allowed for.

83 83 A. W. Whitaker, road work self and man, month of April.

84 84 A. W. Lessard, work on mesa road to Dewey.

85 85 Sam'l Hill Hrdw. Co., supplies acct. Ash Fork road.

86 86 C. W. Platt, 1st payment acct. road contract.

87 87 B. B. Co., supplies acct. Ash Fork road.

88 88 Prescott Nat'l Bank, assigned road certificate.

89 89 The Bank of Arizona, assigned road certificate.

90 90 T. N. Childers, May salary as Supt. of Roads.

91 91 Frank Lambertine, road certificate acct. Ash Fork road.

92 92 Prescott Nat'l Bank, assigned road certificate.

93 93 W. L. Simmons, 1 day's road work, man and team.

94 94 J. T. Pierce, work on road Harrington to Walnut Grove.

95 95 C. A. Barber, work on road Kirkland to Walnut Grove.

96 96 Wm. Polan, work on road American Ranch to Simmons.

Upon application, Mr. S. F. Dennison was granted a thirty day leave of absence from the County and Territory, commencing June 18th, 1911.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried the treasurer was authorized and directed to refund the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars to Olive Reeves; and the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars to Harry Ross on account of unexpired saloon license issued for Camp Verde Justice Precinct.

This being the day and hour set by this Board for the opening of proposals for the building of a county wagon road at Yarnell Hill, as published in the Arizona Journal-Miner the official paper of the county, the Board proceeded to the opening of bids at two o'clock P. M., the same being as follows, to-wit:

Andrew Peterson, for building road as per map and specifications.

After due consideration by the Board the contract for the above work was awarded to Andrew Peterson for the sum of \$600.00. The District Attorney was instructed to prepare contract and the Clerk was directed to retain the Cashier's Check accompanying bid as a cash bond for the faithful performance of work.

The following resolution was endorsed and ordered spread upon the Minutes by the unanimous vote of the Board, to-wit:

"WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, Arizona, did on the 13th day of April, A. D. 1911, make and pass an order declaring the result of an election in Camp Verde Justice Precinct, said County and Territory, and prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in said precinct, which said order was duly entered on record in the office of the Clerk of said Board of Supervisors on said 13th day of April, A. D. 1911, in "Minute Book" No. 2 of said Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Supervisors did in the aforementioned order, select the Arizona Journal-Miner, a newspaper published in Yavapai County, Arizona, for the purpose of publishing said Order of Prohibition for four successive weeks;

IT IS ORDERED by said Board that the fact of such publication in the Arizona Journal-Miner be entered in the Minutes of the Board.

All of which was done and ordered by the Board of Supervisors this 5th day of June A. D. 1911.

The Board next considered bids for the installation of a pump and engine at the County hospital and after due consideration the Sam'l Hill Hardware Co., was directed to install a 4 h.p. engine and a pump for the sum of \$345.00, agreeing to keep same in repair for the period of six months.

A letter from Mr. C. W. Platt in regard to